

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 410  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Amber Howard upon  
earning the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Girl Scouts of the USA is one of our finest assets, providing young women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development and instills in them an understanding of community and a deep sense of self-respect; and

WHEREAS, the highest award a Girl Scout between the ages of 14-17 can attain is the Gold Award, and Amber Howard, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the select group of individuals who may wear the prestigious Gold Award pin; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Award is the culmination of tremendous effort, concentration, and diligence by a Girl Scout; it signifies the deep dedication to her community and to herself a Girl Scout gains through participation in the organization and symbolizes her accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development; and

WHEREAS, Amber's notable record of achievement as a member of her Girl Scout Troop includes many patches, awards, and a meritorious tenure of eleven years; and

WHEREAS, to gain recognition from the Girl Scouts of the Appalachian Council, Inc. as a Gold Award recipient, Miss Howard fulfilled five challenging requirements; she earned four Interest Project Patches, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, the Senior Girl Scout Challenge Pin, the Girl Scout Career Exploration Pin, and designed and implemented a Girl Scout Gold Award project; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Amber has been nominated for *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, she has been a member of the National Honor Roll, she has made the honor roll at her high school for three years, she has been nominated for the

USAA National Mathematics Award, and she has been nominated twice for the "National Young Leaders Conference"; and

WHEREAS, she received the prestigious honor of being selected to attend the 2005 Congressional Student Leadership Conference sponsored by Lead America; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable individual has showcased her numerous talents through such meritorious involvements as membership in the National Honor Society and the Science Club and as a piano student for an impressive eleven years, during this time she has played in the National Piano Guild for ten years and will receive her ten-year pin and plaque in April of 2005; and

WHEREAS, Amber has participated in two productions at the Cheatham County Community Theater and has been an active participant in her high school theater program for three years; and

WHEREAS, even with her many responsibilities and commitments, Amber still has found time to work for three years with Chick-Fil-A and for four years at Harpeth Heights Baptist Church with their child care program; she has been an active member of the youth choir at her church for five years; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Amber Howard as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Amber Howard upon earning the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.